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PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community Schools (CTDS) 078656

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(City, State) Scottsdale (Zip) 85256

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Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being returned without being processed. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Please send originals.

- ↓ Changes in instructional methodology, and/or delivery that affects the emphasis, program of instruction or mission as described in the charter

Included are the following:

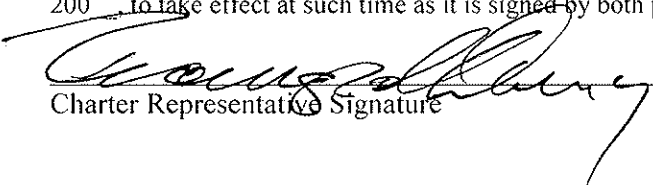
- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)
- Narrative describing the change, the rationale for the change, and the expected impact of the change on student achievement

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community Schools (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: (Section 4, Program of Instruction remains the same)

TO: Add attached narrative for Salt River Accelerated Learning Academy (SRALA):

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this ____ day of ____, 200__, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ____ day of ____, 200__, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.


Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

9/10/07

Program of Instruction Amendment Request Narrative

SRALA provides an alternative program of instruction that is specifically tailored to meet each student's individual needs based on lack of credits or incarceration. Graduation rates for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are less than 50% and the SRALA will provide an alternative educational setting for students in our Community. Therefore graduation rates should increase. The SRALA is opened for extended hours and provides classes in a block format to maximize subject time.

Upon enrollment, a student receives a graduation plan and an individualized schedule. Students have the option of taking classes either through the traditional classroom method (textbook, written assessments, etc.) and/or through NovaNet, a computerized, standards based curriculum. Highly qualified teachers provide instruction and support through small group and/or one-on-one instruction. All class curriculum and assessments are Arizona standards aligned with a strong emphasis placed on preparing for the AIMS. Students requiring Exceptional Education Services receive services according to their IEP's from a certified Special Education teacher at the SRALA.

**Education Board Meeting
Education Board Room**

Monday, November 3, 2008 – 5:15 pm.

APPROVED NOVEMBER 17, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hans Klose, Chairman
Veronica Tashquinth, Vice-Chairman
Berdina Burke, Board Member
Lena Jackson, Secretary
Deana L. Washington, Board Member
Dr. Carol Lujan, Board Member
Alice Manuel, Board Member
Ruth Chough, Board Member
Lynn Myore, Council Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Franklin Berry

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Susan Fassett

GUESTS/PRESENTERS:

Cheryl Scott, Guest, Office of Gen. Counsel
Dale Frederick, Guest, Superintendent
Linee Ferguson, Guest, HR Manager
Mike McCarthy, Guest, SRHS Principal
Chris McIntier, Guest, Ed. Administration
Billy Escue, Guest, Assistant Ed. Director
Martina Ashley, Guest, Ed. Administration
Mary Ann Wood, Guest, ALA Administrator
David Barehand, Guest, Ed. Administration
Sandy Nagy, Guest, SRHS
Dan Maggio, Guest, IT Manager
Manuel Old Horse, Guest, Applicant
Jaclyn Bird, Guest, Applicant

Opening:

Ms. Tashquinth called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

Ms. Manuel gave the blessing.

Ms. Tashquinth passed the gavel to Mr. Klose.

Review & Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Frederick said no changes are needed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chough to approve the agenda as presented; Ms. Tashquinth seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 9 for.

Call to the Public:

There was none.

Comments by Board Members:

Ms. Myore discussed the language conference she attended and the need to overcome obstacles in getting language teachers in the schools; can join forces with other schools, Elders can teach; need to work with the state legislature. They discussed Rosetta Stone format and video games for children that include language and culture. She believes in total immersion and that Education should send people to these language conferences. It is important to make efforts in this area.

Ms. Tashquinth said she is glad to be back and will make every effort to attend meetings.

Ms. Manuel said she also attended the language conference. Some Tribes there have no language programs, some are at square 1 but we are fortunate to be where we are. We need to do things to get to the next level but some are very expensive.

Mrs. Chough spoke in Pima and said it is up to everyone to learn and speak the language; need to learn to talk not just learn words. We need to encourage children to speak by talking to them. There is lots of red tape from the state in regards to language teachers.

Ms. Jackson presented Employee of the Quarter awards to David Barehand. He thanked the Board and said how much he likes working here and taking pictures.

Personnel:

Ms. Ferguson said there are 2 candidates tonight.

Mr. Maggio presented Manuel Old Horse for Desktop Specialist and said Mr. Old Horse spent 5 years in the Marines, has been a temporary here since April, will be an asset to the team and he highly recommends him.

Mr. Klose was on the panel and said Mr. Old Horse has a good background, is an excellent worker and will fit in well. Mr. Old Horse said he plans to pursue more training in computers and learn more about this Community. He learned about the opening from the website.

Motion was made by Dr. Lujan to hire Manuel Old Horse for Desktop Specialist; Ms. Tashquinth seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 9 for.

Mr. McCarthy presented Jaclyn Bird for PE Teacher at SRHS. The position has been open since the end of last year but they wanted to find a Native teacher. Ms. Bird was a college athlete and will be a great fit for SRHS.

Ms. Bird said she just got her AZ certificate; played basketball and volleyball in college; moved to the area and saw the position on the website. She wants to stress the importance of being healthy, being active to address diabetes. She will share her knowledge with the students.

Motion was made by Dr. Lujan to hire Jaclyn Bird for PE Teacher at SRHS; Ms. Washington seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 8 for and 1 abstaining.

Director's Report:

AZ Charter School Board New Site Notification for ALA – Dr. Frederick said bringing this to the Board has been planned since ALA was proposed; will follow the same per student funding as SRHS; will be run separately; this makes it official.

Ms. Myore asked about ALA and SRHS graduates walking together and Dr. Frederick said this can be discussed as both schools follow the same state mandates. He said ALA will stay at the present location until the Tribe decides to use the buildings for something else. He said Ms. Wood will report directly to him instead of to Mr. McCarthy.

Ms. Washington said the goal is to eventually do away with ALA and she asked Ms. Wood about the students. Ms. Wood said there are fewer from SRHS, more from Mesa and drop-outs; are 40 enrolled with 22 on the waiting list; 5 could transfer to SRHS in Dec.

Dr. Frederick said some students are returning here; 100 day count impacts us; some have fallen through the cracks and been out of school for awhile. We are required to provide education up to age 22 if they are working on a diploma. He said Ms. Cameron is working with the teachers to be sure all criteria are met.

Ms. Jackson said her niece is at ALA and wants a diploma not a GED. The separate site will have a positive impact on numbers for SRHS.

Ms. Washington asked about tuition and Dr. Frederick said ALA provides free public instruction. Dr. Lujan said she sees advantages and disadvantages to this; reason makes sense; will keep the numbers separate; does not want ALA to be a permanent school.

Ms. Manuel asked about waiting another year for the 2 sites; ALA has only been in operation for 1 year. Dr. Frederick said that it is possible to delay the action but requirements will be increasing and it may be more complicated later.

Ms. Scott said this is a business decision that falls within the discretion of the Board; she has reviewed the documents.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chough to approve the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools New School Site Notification Request; Dr. Lujan seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 8 for and 1 abstaining.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chough to approve Arizona State Board for Charter Schools Program of Instruction Amendment Request; Dr Lujan seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Ms. Myore asked about the economy and education cuts. Dr. Frederick said public education must be funded, other services will be cut; could be budget freeze then reductions. He has gotten some unusual requests for services from Mesa this year and is concerned about the 100 day count transfer. He will attend a breakfast with Mesa Superintendents tomorrow.

Mr. Klose said he is in favor of the separate site; helps SRHS. It is a shame the students need ALA. Ms. Burke said she has mixed feelings too; her niece is there. She said as a Board they need to support all children getting an education; some get it in different ways. This Community has young parents that need help.

Motion passed with 8 for and 1 abstaining.

SRHS & SRES Attendance Agreements – Dr. Frederick said the revisions are to cover children that don't reside here; OGC has reviewed them both; this will close loop holes. Ms. Jackson said some items were added, no participation in activities and may be asked to return to their home school; this is stricter now.

Motion was made by Ms. Washington to approve Salt River Elementary School Attendance Agreement for 2008-2009 and Salt River High School Attendance Agreement for 2008-2009; Mrs. Chough seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 9 for.

Health Course Update – Ms. Nagy said they had meetings on human development class; have text books and standards. There is a health class now but they need Community members to teach and bring in the culture piece. The nurse at SRES does some teaching. Parents want this in place and she asked the Board to refer any people they think of to teach to her.

Ms. Washington said to start the class using any teachers available now. Ms. Nagy said they will look at all options.

The Scholarship Program will be scheduled for a presentation on Nov. 10th.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Ms. Jackson to approve minutes of October 20, 2008 Meeting; Ms. Washington seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 6 for and 3 abstaining.

Motion was made by Ms. Jackson to approve minutes of October 24, 2008 Work Session; Mrs. Chough seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 8 for and 1 abstaining.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chough to move into Executive Session; Ms. Washington seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 9 for.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chough to move out of Executive Session; Ms. Washington seconded. Mr. Klose asked for discussion.

Motion passed with 9 for.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.